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	Examiner James R. Harvey	Art Unit 2833	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 October 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Cancellations

** The cancellation of claim 6 has been made of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

• The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

** Claim(s) 1-3, 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Long et al. (20003/0028797) in view of Tirosh (6618243) and further in view of Sobhani (5213511).

-- In reference to Claim(s) 1, Long shows (cover sheet)

a substrate having a circuit board part 400 and a connecting head (near the lead line of numeral 414; (cover sheet)) extended from the circuit board part 400, wherein the connecting head is arranged with a plurality of contacts (406, 408) for electrically connecting to an external electronic apparatus;

at least one electronic component 402 (paragraph 50) mounted on a surface of the circuit board part 400;

a metal shell 600 (cover sheet) having an opening at the connector for coupling to the external electronic apparatus.

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However, Long does not show a metal case housing the substrate and the electronic component. The housing of Long that houses the substrate and the electronic component is made of plastic.

Tirosh teaches that the housing can be made of plastic or metal (column 5, lines 35-37).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of Tirosh to improve the arrangement of Long because making the housing out of metal protects the electrical components from electromagnetic interference.

Further, neither Long or Tirosh teach mounting the electronic component 402 using chip On Board mounting process.

Sobhani teaches that Chip-On Board technology is an improvement over conventionally solder connections (column 1, line 65) and (column 1, line 28) respectively.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the connection arrangement of Long with the teachings of Sobhani because, as taught by Sobhani (column 1, 68) Chip-On Board methods improve electrical performance.

-- In reference to Claim(s) 2, Long shows a small hollow object 300 for holding the micro-storage device thereby conveniently carrying the micro-storage device.

Tirosh also shows (cover sheet) a small hollow object 18 for holding the micro-storage device 12 (figure 10) thereby conveniently carrying the micro-storage device 12.

Even if Long had not shown the small hollow abject 300 it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the storage device shown by Tirosh with the arrangement of Long because, as taught by Tirosh (column 1, line 26) the storage device makes it convenient for transporting the electrical component and connector.

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-- In reference to Claim(s) 3, Tirosh shows the small hollow object is a personal adornment (column 1, line 31).

-- In reference to Claim(s) 5, Tirosh shows the structure is a personal adornment (column 1, line 31) and has the same structure that it can function as a tie clip. Further, the meaning of "tie clip" is so broad that it is met by the applied reference showing an ornament the can function to hold ends of a necktie to a shirt front (see the attached definition from The American heritage Dictionary).

-- In reference to Claim(s) 8, Long shows (figure 4A) additional electronic components (416, 418) mounted in an opposite place than the connecting head in the substrate to effectively utilize space.

** Claim(s) 4 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Long as modified by Tirosh and Sobhani and further in view of Dierking (5775485).

-- In reference to Claim(s) 4, Long as modified by Tirosh and Sobhani shows substantially the invention as claimed.

However, the references do not show the personal adornment is a necklace. Tirosh shows ring 22 is a key ring, but does not mention the recitation necklace.

Dierking teaches that ring 14 can be for a key ring or a necklace.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the ring 22 of Tirosh as a ring for a necklace because, as taught by Dierking (abstract, line 13), it lessons the chance of losing the contents or to facilitate simple removal of the contents (column 1, line 46).

**** Claim(s) 7 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Long as modified by Tirosh and Sobhani and further in view of Anderson (5973734).**

-- In reference to Claim(s) 7. Long as modified by Tirosh and Sobhani shows substantially the invention as claimed. However, neither of the references discuss the electronic component comprises a non-volatile memory to store data.

Anderson teaches the use of non-volatile memory (column 4, line 65).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the arrangement of Long as modified by Tirosh with the non-volatile memory teachings of Anderson because, as taught by Anderson (column 5, line 1) non volatile memory typically stores instructions to control the external electronic apparatus.

Response to Arguments

-- In response to applicant's arguments, they are seen to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

**** Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

- Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Harvey whose telephone number is 571-272-2007. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. To 5:00 P.M.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800 extension 33.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2800.

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